The news from Washington telling of the announcement made by Secretary Oscar S. Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor that he would order more frequent inspections of steamboats has stirred shipping circles and the men in the steamboat inspection office here. The local inspectors say that if Secretary Straus wishes more inspections he will

have to furnish a much larger force. The owners and agents of vessels declare that they will fight any move to have their vessels undergo more frequent inspections, on the ground that such inspections will interfere with their business.

Secretary Straus started his investigation into steamboat inspection some time are and his activity in that line is not due to the Larchmont disaster. What prompted his move was the sinking of the ferryboat Paterson in the North River some time ago. That the Secretary's action is aimed largely at the ferryboats is shown by his statement published in THE SUN of yesterday

The Secretary's announcement that he would order "extra inspections" has caused puch speculation among the local inspecters. In discussing the matter yesterday one of the local inspectors said:

"It is hard to do anything in the case of these ferryboats. When you go to make an inspection of one of them the complaint is made that it is an attempt to interfere with business. I have had numerous occasions to make an inspection as to the efficiency of the fire drill on ferryboats. Such an inspection cannot be made while the boats are running and when they are tied up to a dock the crew are all gone. "Many of the boats are old hulks, but

the owners manage to get them in apple pie order when it comes time for the yearly At the local inspection office here the complaint is made that there are not enough men detailed even to look after theordinary

inspections. Attached to this office are Chief Inspector Ira Harris and Supervising Inspectors Henry Seely and Theodore T. Mersereau, thirteen hull inspectors and thirteen boiler inspectors. The inspection of fire apparatus and fire drill is placed jointly on the two sets. There is really more work to be done

than we have men to look after," said one of the inspectors yesterday. "When you come to realize that the lowest possible estimate shows that we have 1,500 vessels and more than 3,000 boilers to inspect, it can be seen how much work there is to do. There are really only twelve boiler inspectors, for one of them is detailed all the time to the mills inspecting boiler plate and sheets. The port of New York, or our inspection district, reaches from Barnegat Inlet to Patchogue, L. I., on the south. We now go up the Hudson as far as Yonkers and east to the Connecticut line and to Osyter Bay on the north shore of Long Island. Up to two days ago we took in the Hudson as far north as Cornwall, but that section has now been placed under the than we have men to look after." said one section has now been placed under the Albany office. This is a very big territory."
The local inspectors also say that the boats that run up the Sound and some of the coastwise vessels are not inspected here, but coastwise vessels are not inspected here, but at other ports where the owners and agents have found more convenient places of registry. The Larchmont was inspected at Providence, R. I. The Fall River boats are inspected at Fall River. If a vessel has a certificate of inspection from some remote port, she can clear this harbor for a year from the date of her inspection and the local inspectors have no say in the matter.

"This steamship inspection is a farce," said a man prominent in shipping circles yesterday. "What should be done is to send inspectors aboard these boats at frequent and unexpected times. Then some interesting things would be found. Why, do you know how a steamboat is inspected? Well, the law requires that the vessels be

that the veg well, the law requires that the vessels be inspected once a year. The owners of the vessels get them all in good shape, things are put in proper places and the crew is rehearsed for the fire and other drills. This done, the owner sends word to the local inspection office that his craft is ready for inspection. The inspectors come when invited and, of course, find everything right. It would be interesting to know fust how much apparatus and other stuff is stored on docks after the inspectors have

inspected.
"Why, things are such now that no in specion whatever is made of sailing craft. There is just one check on these reckless ship owners and the crews, and that is the underwriters that insure the ships and the

#### FIGHTING THE BONDSMEN.

Magistrate House Continues His Work !

Magistrate House, sitting in the West Side court yesterday, fought the second skirmish in his campaign against the professional bondsman, which he opened in the Jefferson Market court on Lincoln's Birthday. The Magistrate said that he would follow one of two courses in dealing with the professional bondsman. If he found that a man offering surety was already on several other bonds he would refuse to accept him. He would either stand on his right to hold the defendant for two days without bail to allow him time to investigate the surety offered or would compel counse for the defendant to file notice of application for bail in the District Attorney's office two days before he applied before the Magistrate.

If the Magistrate held the defendant for trial in either of these events the case would pass out of his jurisdiction when the papers were sent down to the higher courts the next morning and the obtaining of bail would be rendered more difficult.

Lawyer Rosenback offered a painter named Abraham Harnash as surety in the case of Annie Mason, held in \$500 bail for trial on the charge of maintaining a dis-orderly house. Magistrate House refused orderly house. Magistrate nouse to him, as he was already on two bonds of simi-

The lawyer quoted the section of the Penal Code requiring a Magistrate to accept a bondsman who can qualify with

proper surety.

"If you continue to argue with me regarding this question," said the Magistrate, "I'll hold this woman for two days without any bail and if you keep on you may not get her builed at all."

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Lawyer Rosenback said that he did not care to discuss the motives of the professional bondsman, but would like to argue the legal question some time. He hastened tway to get another bondsman.

he Railroads in Straits Because of Floods OMARA, Neb., Feb. 16 .- Pive transcontiental railroads through Nebraska are today using the single line of the Burlington road to the West because of the flood conditions along the Platte River. The Union Pacific is tied up for 200 miles west of Gmaha, and the Missouri Pacific, the Rock Island, the Chicago and Northwestern and the Union Pacific are using the Burling-ton tracks between Omaha and Lincoln.

ce Trust Orders Maine Cutting Stopped BANGOR, Me., Feb. 18 .- Orders were received to-day at the offices of the American les Company to suspend cutting on the Penobacot River for the season. The out to date is about 60,000 tons, which is 40,000 tons short of the American Lee Company's lause capacity on the river. About 22,000 tons have been housed for the tidewater imment by independent operators. MAYOR MCLELLAN LOSES, ...

Justice Fitts Dismisses Contempt Case Against Attorney-General Jackson. ALBANY, Feb. 16 .- Supreme Court Justice Fitts to-day denied the motion of the attorneys for Mayor McClellan to punish Attorney-General Jackson for contempt in bringing proceedings on his own motion to test Mayor McClellan's title to his office and decided that the Attorney-General was within his rights in all that he has done

so far in this matter. Originally the Attorney-General granted a hearing on Mr. Hearst's application for leave to institute quo warranto proceedings to test Mayor McClellan's title to office. Mr. McClellan's attorneys secured from Justice Fitts an alternative writ prohibiting Attorney-General Jackson from proceeding in the Hearst matter, on the ground that the Attorney-General acted judicially in such a proceeding and that as former Attorney-General Mayer had decided against Mr. Hearst Attorney-General Jackson could not reopen the question.

Justice Fitte overruled this contention and dismissed the alternative writ. In his opinion he says:

The Attorney-General of this State is an elective officer, and this office is created by the Constitution. The authority to institute an action to test the title to public office is conferred upon him by statute. He can maintain an action upon his own information or upon the complaint of a private person. The authority and power thus exercised by him is in its nature official and executive and not judicial in the sense of the finally settling and determining the rights of individuals with reference to the matters in controversy. Process of this court cannot be used to control the actions of the Attorney-

General in the exercise of his prerogatives. Assuming for the sake of argument that the refusal of former Attorney-General Mayer to permit, on the relation of Hearst, the commencement of any action to test the title of was judicial in its character and precluded his successor in office from entertaining a similar application and granting permission to institute such an action, the same could be pleaded in bar by way of answer to such

The writ of prohibition is one of the State writs authorized by the Code of Civil Procedure, which may issue out of the Supreme Court, restraining a Judge or party from further proceeding in the action or special proceedings complained of (Code of Civil Procedure, 2091, 2098). The writ does not ssue as a matter of right, but only in the sound discretion of the court in cases of supreme necessity where the grievance can not be redressed by ordinary proceedings at law or in equity or by appeal. (People ex rel. Hummell vs. Trial Term, 184 N. Y., 30.) For these reasons the application for an absolute writ of prohibition must be denied and the order allowing the writ of alternative prohibition vacated and writ quashed.

The Code of Civil Procedure permits the Attorney-General to authorize quo warranto proceedings testing a title to office upon the application of a private person, or he may institute quo warranto proceedings on his own motion. Attorney-General Jackson took the latter course as soon as Justice Fitts granted the alternative writ of prohibition in the Hearst individual application. Then Mayor McClellan's attorneys asked Justice Fitts to punish Attorney-General Jackson for contempt, asserting that the writ of prohibition restrained the Attorney-General from acting in any direction in the Hearst matter. Justice Fitts, in an opinion handed down to-day, says that the code permits the Attorney-General to bring such action, and the motion to punish for contempt is denied, the Court saying:

"In instituting this action against the relator, McClellan, the Attorney-General violated none of the provisions of the alternative writ of prohibition issued out of this court on the 5th day of January, 1907. The acts prohibited had reference only to an action sought to be instituted upon the complaint filed by the respondent Hearst.

"The Attorney-General has commenced" The Code of Civil Procedure permits

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Hearst.

The Attorney-General has commenced information;

upon his own information; The Attorney-ceneral has commenced this action upon his own information; the statue permits him to do this, and any action with reference to the same cannot be controlled by process of this court."

CHICAGO CITY RAILWAYS.

Annual Report Shows a Substantial Increase in the Earnings. CHICAGO, Feb. 16.-The annual report of the Chicago City Railways Company, as pre-

sented to the stockholders at their annual meeting to-day, shows fair increases. The gross earnings for the year ended on December 31, 1906, were \$7,871,126, an increase of \$549,040, or 7.34 per cent., compared with the previous year. Net earnings were \$1,724,822, a gain of \$45,349, or 2.7 per cent. The year's surplus was \$104,822 and the increase in that time was the same as that shown in the net earnings.

During the year the company paid dividends amounting to 9 per cent. on its capitalization. The statistics indicate that the company has derived large gains as a result of the change from cable power on its principal trunk lines, larger cars, a greater

principal trunk lines, larger cars, a greater number of them and from improvements of a general character. The changing of the cable lines came almost too late in the year, however, to show the great advantages derived.

S. M. Felton, president of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, was elected a director of the company to succeed Lawrence A. Young, resigned. Other members of the board were reelected. The directors organized by electing all of the former officers excepting J. P. Burke, the treasurer, who excepting J. P. Burke, the treasurer, who was succeeded by S. E. Hoffmann.

ASPHALT DIVIDEND 1 PER CENT. Several Causes Contributed to Make the Year a Bad One.

The General Asphalt Company announces the declaration of a dividend of 1 per cent. upon its preferred stock, payable March 1, 1907, a rate believed to be well within the net earnings for the year. While the final results for the year's business cannot be known for several weeks, it is certain that the earnings will be less than for the preceding year. The officers gave out a statement saying that the fraudulent exploitation of the company's Venezuelan property by President Castro and his American associates, as set forth at length in the comcates, as set forth at length in the com-pany's last annual report, has continued; that the cost of labor, a large factor in the cost of asphalt pavement, the company's principal product, increased materially in the latter part of the year, and the company suffered some loss from rises in prices of materials. In the last two months of the operating season the company was unwar-rantably delayed and prevented in the per-formance of its Philadelphia contracts by charges of defective workmanship which

THOMAS C. PETTIT A SUICIDE. Coal Merchant Shoots Himself Three Times

BABYLON, L. I., Feb. 16.—Thomas Clifton Pettit, a business man here, shot himself three times in the head in his office this morning and died almost immediately. The only explanation of his act is that business worry had unbalanced his mind, although his financial affairs are said to be far from in bad shape. Mr. Pettit was in the coaf business with his father. It is said that collections had been rather slow of late, but it is understood that the firm has al-ways done a good business and was pros-

Perous.

Pettit and his wife occupied a flat over the firm's place of business. This morning Pettit wrote a farewell note to his wife, saying "good-by: am sorry." After writing the note he threw himself on the floor behind his deek and then sent the bullets into his head.

SEVEN-KILLED ON VALDIVIA

DONKEY ENGINE BOILER BLOWS UP IN MIDSEA.

Fourth Engineer Was Adjusting a Valve When the Explosion Came and Was One of the Victims-The First Officer Hur -Midship Section of Ship Wrecked.

The little fruiter Valdivia of the Hamburg-American's West India service came up yesterday morning with her flags half masted and her funnel at an angle, suggesting the reversed arms of mourning soldiers Seven of the ship's company were killed on Wednesday, about 150 miles southeast of Hatteras, by the explosion of the donkey boiler, due, it is said, to defective plates The dead are:

STEINHAGEN, GUSTAV, fourth engineer DIETRICH, WILHELM, seaman. SELCHOW, OTTO, fireman. DYTTKO, PAUL, storekeeper, SALENSKI, JULIUS, coal trimmer HANNA, WALTER, coal trimmer.

SIMONS, WELLINGTON, negro; messroom steward The injured: KNICKMANN, HEINRICH, first officer; slight GRUNERT, CARL, fireman; serious. HELLPAPP, HANS, seaman; slight.

MOSER, GUSTAV, fireman; slight. The officials of the Hamburg-American Line declare that the boiler had been inspected at this port by the United States local inspectors of foreign steam vessels three months ago and found to be in good condition. It then withstood hydraulio pressure of 135 pounds. At the time it exploded there was only 35 pounds pressure indicated on the gauge.

The Valdivia carried only one passenger Mr. Royce, a young graduate of Annapolis He describes the explosion as almost totally

He describes the explosion as almost totally lacking in detonation, likening it to the setting off of a large quantity of loose powder. But what it lacked in thunder it made up in destructive force. Mr. Royce, who was standing on the main deck almost thirty feet abaft the boiler, was knocked down and showered with splinters of wood, fragments of steel and iron and ashes.

The funnel had been knocked down, and falling aft was prevented from tumbling further by stays and two ventilator hoods on which it rested. The midship section of the ship was like an abyse, and at its bottom, where the stokehold had been, were most of the dead and injured. The boiler had been directly over the grating of the stokehold and that is why the coal trimmers and firemen were killed or injured.

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Capt. Kruger had taken the ship's position just before the boiler exploded.

It was the duty of Steinhagen, before being relieved by the third engineer, to let steam through the auxiliary pipes to the donkey boiler. He was seen kneeling apparently turning a valve in front of the boiler. Following the giant puff came the roar of steam. Capt. Kruger was in the chart room figuring on his observation. He ran to the bridge and tried vainly to signal the engineer to stop. The connection had been broken and the steam steering gear carried away. He sent the boatswain to notify the engineer, Hansen, who, with a blanket covering his head, hurried below and turned off the steam that was hissing through the smashed auxiliary pipes.

Meanwhile, the ship was steering in a circle, the chief engineer deeming it advisable to keep going to clear away the suffocating vapor. At no time was the steam supplying the engines shut off.

The ship kept right on after the substitution of hand steering gear for steam. Capt. Kruger's call to quarters found every man at his station except the dead and take care of the injured.

Dietrich, who was driven to madness by his suffering, attempted to jump overboard. He was dragged back from the rail by his shipmates and died when they laid him on the deck. The fourth engineer than been killed instantly. His legs were torn off. With his luckless shipmates he was buried at sea on Wednesday night, Capt. Kruger reading the service for the dead.

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The midships section of the Valdivia was wrecked and several lifeboats were smashed. Without proper draught for her boilers it would have taken the disabled ship a long time to reach port, and to get draught she had to have her funnel connected with the ch port, and to get dra iptake. The funnel was hoisted at an angle of about forty-five degrees, and was made fast by tackle. The open space at the base of the funnel was closed by tarpaulin, and thus the ship came in to Quarantine yesterday, looking as no other big or little liner ever has within the memory of the Quaran-

Carl Grunert, the fireman who was seri-ously injured, was taken to Gouverneur Hospital. He has a chance of recovery.

EXECUTOR VALENTINE REMOVED. Conviction of Wealthy Lawyer for Forgery Was Cause of Court's Action.

MINEOLA, L. I., Feb. 16-Surrogate Jackson, sitting at the Nassau county court house to-day, handed down a decision ordering the removal of Benjamin E. Valentine, a wealthy lawyer of Woodmere, L. I. as executor of the will of his mother. Elizaas executor of the will of his mother, Eliza-beth H. Valentine, who died a year ago at Woodmere leaving about \$50,000, on the ground that he had been convicted of ut-tering and disposing of as true a forged

application was made by Margaret The application was made by margarete. P. Valentine of Fifty-fourth street, Brooklyn, sister of the lawyer, in which she declares her brother not competent, as he was convicted at an extraordinary term of the Supreme Court before Justice Rogers of having disposed of a deed belonging to his mather.

Mrs. Valentine in her will left her entire estate to Benjamin Valentine, with the exception of the homestead at Salem, Mass. which is given to the sister.

Mr. Valentine will appeal from the de-

FUR SALESMAN ARRESTED. Louis Schlesinger Failed to Account for 86,000 Worth of Goods.

Louis Schlesinger, a salesman for Jalkoff & Abrams, furriers, at 297 to 308 Mercer street, was arraigned in the Jefferson Market court yesterday morning charged with the larceny of \$6,000 worth of furs, the property

larceny of \$6,000 worth of furs, the property of his employers. The salesman was arrested Friday night in the Hotel Albert, Eleventh street and Broadway.

Harold Spaulding, lawyer for the furriers, told Magistrate Wahle that Schlesinger had been in the employ of the firm for several years. On a recent trip West, the lawyer said, they entrusted him with sample furs to the value of \$15,000. On his return to New York on February 9 it is charged that he was able to account for only \$9,000 worth of goods.

worth of goods.

Magistrate Wahle held the prisoner in \$10,000 bail for examination on Tuesday. Schlesinger is married and has two children His home is in Denver, Col.

Man Missing Three Years Found Dead SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 16 .- John W Foster had been missing from his home in Chatham for three years. Foster was Chatham for three years. Foster was found dead in New York and before he was buried his photograph was taken and a description of him filed. This description was found yesterday by a member of the family who was continuing the search for the missing man. The body was disinterred and will be reburied in Fairmount Cometary Chatham.

Historic Building Must Give Way to Barge

Canal. AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Feb. 16 .- The building of the barge canal through this city will necessitate the demolishing of the historic Guy Park House, which was built in 1766 for Col. Guy Johnson, who with his family occupied it until after the revolutionary war. Mrs. Johnson was the daughter of Sir William Johnson of historic fame. The house, which is a stone stucture, is now owned by the Carmichael estate. Guaranteed under the Pure Food and Drugs Law-Serial No. 65.

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NO BUILDING TRADES ALLIANCE. RAILROAD ACCIDENT AVERTED New York Workmen Fear a Too Close Union

With Men in Other Cities. The board of governors of the National Building Trades Alliance which has been meeting at the Prince George Hotel adjourned yesterday without bringing about

New York branch of the alliance.
At the conference a number of unions applied for a New York charter, but some of the unions whose national bodies are in the alliance did not join in the application. and so little interest was taken by the unions here in the matter that they got thirty days to talk it over. It was said yesterday that it will probably not be taken up until the annual convention of the alliance in

It was admitted by the members of the ht was admitted by the members of the board yesterday that the chances of getting the New York unions to form a local branch are not bright. The wages in this city are higher than in any other city in the United States, and the building unions here do not want such close affiliation with the other unions as will bring about a general interchange of union cards and encourage union men in other cities to come here.

HARBOR STRIKES SETTLED. Reading and Lehigh Tugboat Men Read Compromise on Wages.

The Harbor Boatmen's Union reported resterday that the strikes of the deck hands, firemen, oilers and others on the tugboats of the Philadelphia and Reading company at Port Reading and the Lehigh Valley company at Perth Amboy have been declared off, a compromise having been agreed on. The demands were an average advance of \$10 a month, and the men are to

get an advance of \$5 a month.

The tugboat men who struck on the boats of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and the Baltimore and Ohio who returned to work afterward are also, the union says.

to work afterward are also, the union says, to get an advance of \$5 a month.

Business Agent McLaughlin of the union said yesterday that these strikes affected about 400 men employed on about sixty boats. The union was in negotiation with the Erie Railroad regarding demands for higher wages, he said, but he believed a settlement would be reached without a strike.

Silk Weavers on Strike.

Four hundred silk weavers, including 100 women, employed at the mill of the Poide-bard Silk Manufacturing Company at Summit avenue and Hague street, Jersey City went on a strike yesterday to enforce demand for an increase of two cents a yard on wide looms and one cent a yard on narrow looms. They refused to accept the company's offer of an advance of 8 to 10 per cent. over the old wage schedule. It is said that twenty-five weavers refused to vote for the strike proposition. A majority of these went to work.

Bills Signed by Gov. Hughes.

ALBANY, Feb. 16.-Among the bills signed by Gov. Hughes to-day were Assemblyman Filley's permitting the Rensselaer Poly-Institute to hold an unlimited amount of property, thus making it legal for it to accept the recent gift from Mrs. Russell Sage, and the bill of Assemblyman Moreland, appropriating \$21,000 for the expenses of the Senate and Assembly. Conductor Clay Prevents Erie Train From

Being Thrown Down an Embankment. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 16 .- A disaster to Erie train 30 was averted at noon to-day at Suffern by a railroad conductor who saw the danger when the train was dashing by him. Train 30 was made up of eight cars and carried over 250 passengers. It was due in New York at 1 P. M. and running a half hour late. The train was running fifty miles an hour, and in passing Suffern the passengers and train crew saw a man dart from the railroad station and, wildly gesticulating, run after the train. The man's actions indicated that something serious was the matter and Conductor Gordon threw on the emergency brakes,

stopping the train. Investigation showed that the mainstay on the rear truck of the mail car was broken and resting on the rail. The bar weighed 250 pounds and in a short time would have thrown the train from the track. At the point where the train stopped there is a thirty foot embankment. The man who saw the broken mainstay and signalled the train was Conductor Clay, who was standing on the platform at Suffern.

NEW OIL CONCERN CHARTERED. Mexican Petroleum Co., Capital of \$50,-000,000, Incorporate d in Delaware.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 16.-The Mexican Petroleum Company was incorporated here to-day. It has authority to do business in this as well as foreign countries and to secure control by purchase or otherwise of other and minor corporations. The concern paid \$7.500 in cash into the State Treasury in advance in charter fees. It was incorporated with a capital stock of

The company has the appearance of being a rival of the Standard Oil monopoly in developing the oil fields of the Southwest and this theory is further verified by the additional authority to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines which the company obtained. The in-corporators are Harry W. Davis of Wil-mington, Horace S. Gould of New York city and Samuel B. Howard of Mill Brook,

SAYS HIS CHILD IS STARVING. Father of the Infant Is Held for Stealing a Bottle of Milk

Joseph Schuck of 101 Vernon avenue, Long Island City, was arrested near his home yesterday for stealing a bottle of milk. He told Magistrate Smith that he was employed as an extra brakeman on the Long Island Railroad, but that he had not had any work for some time. He has two chilany work for some time. He has two children, and his wife told him that unless he could get milk for their four-months-old baby the child would die, as she was unable to nourish it. Schuck said he hadn't a cent and he took the bottle from the doorstep of a more prosperous neighbor. He was caught by Policeman Coombs.

The policeman told the court that Schuck's

story had been investigated and found to be true, but the Magistrate decided to hold Schuck until Monday. The milkman who had deivered the bottle at the door has lost many bottles through theft recently.

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A TOUGH MONTH FOR FIRES. January Also Laid Heavy Toll on Forces of Firemen.

Fire Marshal Seery reported to Fire Commissioner Lantry yesterday that the month of January was remarkable for the large number of fires for which fourth and fifth alarms were sent out. Many hydrants were frozen so that the fire engines were not always able to get an adequate supply

of water.
The heavy snowfall interfered with the fire apparatus getting to the fires promptly. Altogether there were 735 fires during the month. While fighting fires two men were killed, fourteen were severely burned and twenty-seven others received more or less

Washington Life Report. The Washington Life Insurance Com-

oany, John Tatlock, president, has published its report for the year ended December 31, 1906. It shows that the total income of the company for the year was \$3,439,947, included in which is \$246,238 premiums on new business and \$2,067,733 renewal premiums. The disbursements to ders were \$2,088,796 and the total expenses of the management were \$545,397. The balance of income over disbursements The assets of the company now total \$18,524,511.

Samuel Ackerman, an attendant of the Second District Municipal Court in Brooklyn, was found unconscious in the court room yesterday morning and a doctor who was summoned said that he had been stricken with apoplexy. He was removed to his home, at 510 Monroe street.

